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SUBJ: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL: PROBLEMS IN ITALIAN AND OTHER
DELEGATIONS

1. SUMMARY: CUBAN AND SOVIET SYMPATHIZERS CLEARLY DOMINATE FESTIVAL
ACTION, BUT SOME DISSIDENCE HAS BEGUN TO EMERGE IN WESTERN
DELEGATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS HAVANA WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL MOVES TOWARDS ITS AUGUST 5 CON-
CLUSION, VARIOUS DELEGATIONS HAVE BEGUN DRAFTING NATIONAL DECLARA-
TIONS. (COMMENT: THIS WORK, DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE OF
CUBANS AND SOVIETS, SUGGESTS THAT EITHER THERE WILL BE NO FINAL
GENERAL FESTIVAL DECLARATION OR ANY GENERAL STATEMENT WILL CONFINE
ITSELF TO NON-CONTROVERSIAL PRINCIPLES.)

3. ITALIAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY HAS DRAFTED AND WIDELY
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DISTRIBUTED INITIAL AGREED TEXT WHICH CONTAINS CRITICISM OF
SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH ERITREANS.
ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)(ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF DELE-
GATION), HOWEVER, AFTER AIRING INITIAL DRAFT WITH SOVIETS AND
CUBAN CP REPRESENTATIVES, HAVE CALLED ON THEIR SOCIALIST COL-
LEAGUES TO DELETE THESE CONTROVERSIAL REFERENCES. SOCIALISTS
HAVE THUS FAR REFUSED AND STATE THAT EITHER: A) DECLARATION

WILL STAY AS IT, B) NO ITALIAN DECLARATION WILL BE ISSUED,
OR C) SOCIALISTS WILL WITHDRAW FROM ITALIAN DELEGATION.
(COMMENT: ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE WONDERS WHETHER WILLINGNESS
OF CP TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIETS AND CUBANS FLOWS FROM RECENT
ENRICO BERLINGUER DECLARATION CALLING FOR MORE LENINISM IN
ITALIAN C.P.)

4. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS OF DISSENSION WITHIN BRITISH,
DUTCH, AND WEST GERMAN DELEGATIONS. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, DIS-
CREPANT VIEWS HAVE APPARENTLY HARDLY SURFACED IN FESTIVAL POLI-
TICAL COMMISSIONS. (COMMENT: DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED UP
TO ALLOW ATTENDANCE OF
THE MORE THAN 100 POLITICAL/CULTURAL
EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE DAILY AT FESTIVAL. THIS ALLOWS DISPERSAL
OF DISSIDENTS. IN ADDITION, POLITICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
ARE LAREGLY BASED ON PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED PREPARED DELEGATION
STATEMENTS.)

5. COMMENT: DESPITE PREDICTABLE EMERGENCE OF SOME DIFFERENCES,
SOVIET-CUBAN DOMINANCE OVER FESTIVAL PROCEEDINGS IS GUARANTEED.
AS CUBANS INFORMED US BEFORE FESTIVAL (SEE HAVANA 2126),
THEY ARE LESS CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC POLITICAL STATEMENTS
AT FESTIVAL THAN WITH CREATING FAVORABLE IMPRESSION AMONG
DELEGATES ABOUT CUBA (PRESUMABLY FOR FUTURE EXPLITATION).
AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, ALBEIT FRAGMENTARY, SUGGESTS THAT CUBANS
ARE SUCCEEDING AT LEAST AMONG COMMUNISTS AND THIRD WORLD
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RADICALS. EXCESSIVELY HEAVY-HANDED CUBAN TACTICS MAY, HOWEVER,
CAUSE DISAFFECTION IN SOME WESTERN DELEGATIONS WITH POTEN-
TIALY DIVISIVE REPERCUSSIONS LATER IN THOSE COUNTRIES.
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